

TO RUN ITS AFFAIRS

Michigan Trust Company Appointed Receiver for a

DOWAGIAC MANUFACTURING CO

Officers of the Concern are Unable to Agree Among Themselves—Business is Not Impaired.

The Michigan Trust company was yesterday appointed receiver of the Dowagiac Manufacturing company of Dowagiac, Michigan. The order was made by the circuit court of Cass county upon the application of Henry Kimmerle, one of the largest stockholders of the company. The cause of the appointment of a receiver was not the insolvency of the company, for it is a perfectly sound condition financially. There have been, for some time past, differences among the officers and stockholders of the company which grew so serious as to threaten the capital invested in the business. The affairs of the corporation could not be conducted harmoniously under the present management, consequently Mr. Kimmerle applied to the circuit court for the appointment of a receiver in whose hands the interests of the stockholders could be safely entrusted.

The reputation of the Michigan Trust company as a safe, conservative and successful concern, led to its selection as receiver. The Dowagiac Manufacturing company has assets amounting to \$300,000. It is not seriously involved, and no financial embarrassment is anticipated. It is one of the largest manufacturers of spring tooth barbers in the country, and has agencies in nearly every state. It has been very successful in the past, and under the management of the Michigan Trust company is expected to regain the ground lost by reason of the embroilment caused by the opposing factions among the stockholders. The Trust company will carry on the business, and by the order of the court is given the possession of all the books and securities of the company, and title to all of the property is vested in it, with the usual powers of receivers in equity.

City News in Brief

At the meeting of the Jefferson club last night the committee of three appointed some time ago to procure new headquarters was increased to ten. The committee made a personal visit to the rooms in the Lockery building that have been under consideration for some time and upon returning to the meeting were granted another week by request in which to make a report.

The managers of the Children's home state that that institution has been neglected heretofore by charitable people in their Thanksgiving donations, and would respectfully call attention to the matter this year. All donations of food delicacies will be thankfully received at the home, No. 902 Cherry street for the children's Thanksgiving dinner.

Up to date the board of health has issued 1,245 burial permits for 1893. The number for the whole year of 1892 was 1,200, which is greater than the number of deaths is expected to be this year, reckoning from the average monthly percentage.

The funeral of William Firth was held at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the family residence at No. 312 Paris avenue. There was a large crowd of the friends and relatives of the family present and the remains were interred in Valley City cemetery.

Col. L. K. Bishop, E. M. Barnard and Martin De Jager has purchased the insurance business of H. F. Hurch on Pearl street and will assume control the first of December. Mr. Hurch will retire from business on account of his health.

Superintendent of the Poor Lankaster took Arthur Baker to the Kalamazoo asylum yesterday afternoon. Baker was formerly a well-known dry goods salesman employed by a local firm, and was adjudged insane by the probate court.

The Valley City High, No. 194, L. O. T. M., will receive donations at their regular service this afternoon at Quinlan hall, South Division street, for the worthy poor. All L. O. T. M.'s are requested to bring their mite.

The Woman's auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian association will hold their monthly meeting in the parlors of the association building, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

A Thanksgiving service will be held Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at St. Matthew's protestant episcopal mission at Quinlan street and North avenue.

The vested choir of Trinity episcopal church, will render a singing service in St. Mark's church this evening at 7:30.

The funeral of John H. McKivier, will be held from St. Andrew's church at 2 o'clock this morning.

A regular meeting of the board of education will be held next Saturday night.

Gen. John Eaton of Washington, D.C., as United States commissioner of education, is visiting his brother, James A. Eaton, at No. 197 South Lafayette street.

General Eaton is on his way home from the world's fair, where he has been one of the judges in the educational and liberal arts departments.

Mr. C. Fuller and Edwin F. Sweet have gone to Fullerton, North Dakota, to make arrangements to market the wheat grown on their farms.

John S. Lawrence of this city and Julius Brown of Big Rapids left for Chicago yesterday morning.

Miss Gertrude Boynton of Lake avenue is home from Ann Arbor for a brief vacation.

L. P. Eddy and family have gone to Rochester, New York, to spend Thanksgiving.

H. A. Lamm is confined to his residence by an attack of rheumatism.

Miss Lucy White, daughter of A. S. White, will sail with typhoid fever.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Palmer are in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. J. M. Clark and children left for San Francisco yesterday.

Judge Grove was sick and was unable to hold court yesterday.

Fred Maynard is ill from a severe attack of grip.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Sinclair have gone to Chicago.

T. J. O'Brien is in Chicago.

The Bennett Co.'s Charity Wagon.

Falling in with the popular desire

which is becoming gratifyingly more prevalent throughout the city from day to day, the S. P. Bennett Ice and Coal company will start out one of its wagons this morning on a benevolent mission. The wagons will go from house to house in quest of clothing and other supplies that people may feel disposed to give. Children's wearing apparel is especially desired. All persons who can aid the wagon in its rounds with supplies will greatly facilitate the work by telephoning to the charity organization or the S. P. Bennett company. All contributions received will be turned over to the Provident society for distribution.

DIED OF APOPLEXY.

Mrs. John Jones Expires While Sitting in Her Chair.

Mrs. John Jones, who has been living with her daughter, wife of Paulina W. H. Sted of No. 824 Wealthy avenue, died yesterday evening, aged 70 years.

She was sitting in her easy chair sewing, and Mrs. Sted stepped into the pantry to get a lunch. When she returned a few minutes later her mother was dead, still sitting in the chair with her head tipped downward. Drs. Edwards and Freese were summoned, but life was extinct before they arrived. The physicians pronounced the cause of death to be apoplexy and Coroner Lecher was notified. The coroner did not deem an inquest necessary, as the cause of death was plainly apparent. Mrs. Jones had been in poor health for some time, and had been attended by Dr. Edwards. The deceased leaves a husband, who was at Belmont when she died. Besides a husband she leaves two daughters, Mrs. W. H. Sted of this city, Mrs. Packard of Cannon, and three sons, who live at Belmont. The funeral arrangements will not be made until Mr. Jones returns, he having been notified immediately after his wife's death.

K. O. F. NOMINATIONS.

Candidates of Cowan Lodge for Its Annual Election.

Last night Cowan lodge, No. 89, Knights of Pythias, nominated the following candidates for the various offices to be filled at the annual election to be held next Tuesday night:

M. of W.—Charles A. Beebe, S. H. Wallace.

C. of P.—George S. Jones, William P. Walsh.

V. C.—F. W. Battidorf, Frank Hodges.

S. H. Wallace, John Verkerke.

P.—Thomas F. Higgins, E. J. Carroll.

F. S. Adams, William McCormick, John Verkerke, Frank Sebring.

M. of W.—E. J. Carroll, S. H. Wallace.

M. of P. and K. of R. and S.—C. D. Neahr, W. C. Wood.

M. of A.—Thomas F. Higgins, William McCormick, John Higgins, John W. Noyes, F. Brewer.

Trustees—F. Brewer, John W. Noyes, S. H. Wallace, D. L. Compau, E. H. Stein.

Installing Officer—Charles A. Beebe.

Representative to Grand Lodge—W. C. Wood.

Alternates—Charles A. Beebe, Fred C. Temple.

SONS OF VETERANS.

Camp William Alden Smith Organizes a Hospital Corps.

Camp William Alden Smith, Sons of Veterans, held its last meeting preceding the annual election last night and considerable business of importance was transacted. Among the most important features of the business, and that which is of much interest to members of the order, was the adoption of a constitution and by-laws for a hospital corps to be organized within the camp. This corps will arrange to pay a sick benefit of \$5 per week to members for thirteen weeks. The membership assessments were placed at 25 cents per month. At the next regular meeting, which will be held the second Tuesday in December, officers for the ensuing year will be elected, and those officers will constitute the executive committee of the hospital corps. The camp has a membership of forty, and every member was put in nomination for each of the several offices last night, so that there may be a broad field from which to select the officers at the coming election.

Law Students' Club.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the Law Students' club was held at the office of Frank W. Hine, No. 75 Lyon street, last evening. Several new members were admitted, and reports of various committees were discussed and adopted. Members were unanimously in favor of holding weekly meetings. Committees were appointed to arrange a plan of work, and to contract for a series of law lectures during the winter. It was decided to begin the trial of most cases at once, in order to give members practice in the preparation of pleadings and briefs. At the next meeting the Rev. H. Digby Johnston, who takes great interest in Students' clubs, will deliver an address and assist the society in carrying out the plans adopted. The next meeting will be held at the office of Thompson, Temple & McCormick, North block, Lyon street, Tuesday, December 5, at 7:30 p. m. Every law student in the city is invited to be present.

Kent Fair Annual.

The directors of the Kent Fair association met yesterday and transacted the routine business preparatory to the annual meeting which will be held December 12. There were present: President Aaron Clark, Secretary James Cox, Treasurer W. H. Anderson, and Directors C. W. Garrison, L. A. Solomon, H. G. Holt and O. F. Conklin. The annual election will be held in the court house on the day of the annual meeting. The polls will be open from 1 until 8 p. m.

St. Mark's Hospital.

Do not forget while making preparations for Thanksgiving how many sick and poor are in St. Mark's hospital. You can easily spare something for the hospital today and not miss it. Send a turkey, potatoes, flour, sugar, apples, oysters, cranberries, tea, coffee, money, coal—anything you happen to think of, and you will not only cheer the sufferers, but gladden the hearts of the board of managers.

Gage and Benedict Hop.

The Misses Gage and Benedict have taught Grand Rapids to dance, and taught it well, for no city in the country has more graceful devotees of terpsichore. The carnivals of these ladies have been one of the delights of winter for many years. Tomorrow evening they will give their customary Thanksgiving hop in Company B armory on North Union street.

House Robbed and Burned.

Roscoe, Mich., Nov. 27.—The \$3,000 residence of Mrs. Fride, the well known bookbinder, was destroyed by fire, together with its contents valued at \$4,000 Saturday. There is evidence that the house had been robbed before it was burned, and it is supposed the thieves fired the building to conceal their crime. Mr. McBride is at present absent on the southern circuit, and it is not known what insurance he carried.

JOHN AND HIS CASH

May Build a Channel to Lake Michigan.

OFFER FROM ENGLISH CAPITAL

Annual Meeting of the Board of Trade—Old Officers Re-Elected.

M. B. Church presented a proposition to the board of trade last night which may lead to great results and may solve the river improvement problem. He has received a proposition from a man interested in the investment of English capital to construct a deep water channel and maintain it by charging toll. The matter will be fully considered and a report will be made by the river improvement committee.

The report of the treasurer was read showing about \$170 on hand. This report was accepted.

Report of the Secretary.

Secretary Kinsey made his annual report as follows: In a city the size of ours and where the trade and commerce is large enough in the principal lines to warrant the expenditure of large sums of money by persons engaged in such lines for the maintenance of an organization whose express functions are to facilitate and expedite trade and commerce between its members, the use of such an organization as this is often questioned. Stocks, bonds, pork, flour, grain and produce are none of them, nor all combined, of sufficient volume in our markets to even attempt a public exchange.

Be this true or not, the board of trade in Grand Rapids is not in existence for such purposes only, but for a broader and more general one, and for that reason must look among broad and liberal minded men for its support. Men who look beyond the narrow field of direct return into that of general dependence when much good to our results in some good to all. It has been our principal aim during the past year to bring such matters to the attention of the board as would have a tendency to increase, foster and protect, as well as to diversify, our manufacturing interests, which are the direct and the indirect basis of our population, to stimulate a tide of travel and trade to the city that will place it in the same relation to western that Detroit has to eastern Michigan, and that Chicago has to the great northwest; to take such advantage as our very limited means would permit of the great world's position just closed, that should place the facts concerning our size, growth and prosperity before thousands from all parts of the globe, to discuss and recommend such reform in our municipal government as appeared expedient and necessary to the best interest of the city; to bring about the necessary legislation to enable the city to enter into the project for the improvement of Grand river should its citizens by vote so desire. In the first little success could not have been hoped for than that attained the first six months. In the second, the influence of such work as has been done, though remote, has resulted in much good. It is believed, however, that a stronger effort be made to secure excursions to come here. In the third, we were accorded a privilege of distributing advertising matter at the world's fair not accorded to any other city. In the fourth, much was attempted, but nothing accomplished. Recommendations from this body to the departments of the city government—have not even received the courtesy of being acknowledged. The balance of the report was devoted to reciting the names of new concerns which have been brought here during the past year and in summing up the condition of the finances. It was accepted and placed on file.

The board received the report of the inspectors of election and the new board of directors went into its regular session and re-elected the following officers:

President—George G. Briggs.

First Vice President—L. M. Turner.

Second Vice President—L. H. Withey.

Third Vice President—S. M. Lemmon.

Treasurer—S. A. Morman.

Secretary—W. H. Kinsey.

Offer From English Capital.

M. B. Church was present and stated that he had met a man in Washington who was a promoter of matters in which he can engage English capital. This man made a proposition to take charge of the river improvement and make a toll channel from Lake Michigan to this city. He said he would prefer to invest not less than \$1,000,000 and make the channel deep enough to allow the larger craft to come to this city. Mr. Church stated that he had not gone into the matter in detail and he desired that the board discuss the matter. In answer to questions Mr. Church said that the gentlemen suggested that 10 cents per ton would be a reasonable rate of toll. He said that \$100,000 per year would be about the profit expected to induce English capitalists to invest. The matter was fully discussed, and on motion of Charles Fox, the river company was instructed to furnish such figures to the gentleman as will induce him to come here and consult with the board.

Charles R. Sligh read a letter from Colonel Ludlow, who has been appointed military commander of the American legation in London, in which he thanked the business men of Grand Rapids for the courtesies extended to him. Mr. Sligh moved that a committee be appointed to draft resolutions of respect and forward them to Colonel Ludlow.

Set the Board Right.

William Alden Smith offered a resolution in which it was declared that the attitude of the board toward the laboring classes had been misconstrued; that the members of the board were ever willing and ready to lend aid to the poor

and suffering of the city. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

It was stated by several members not present at the last meeting, when the newspapers were criticized for publishing the facts regarding the destitution in the city, that they did not wish to be held responsible for the talk of a few members of the board in their absence. The adoption of the resolution in the first formal action of the board on trade on the matter, and sets that body right in its attitude toward the charitable work now going forward in this city.

MINISTER TO TURKEY.

Manager Seares Has Been Appointed to the Position.

The great procession which started to enter the doors of the Western Beef & Provision company's store on Canal street last Monday has not been broken. They are coming faster and faster and the quantity of goods that is carried away is simply enormous. It was a great responsibility that Manager Seares assumed when he agreed to become minister to Turkey for one week, but he has been equal to the mighty task and the loads of turkeys he has sold for Thanksgiving diners are proof positive of his popularity in that high position. His great stock of fine turkeys, chickens, game, venison, fresh and salt meats are all offered at prices that cannot be found in another market in the city. Come early and order your Thanksgiving dinner.

Beach & Booth will follow their usual custom and give their Thanksgiving dinner Wednesday and close Thanksgiving day at 10:30 a. m. and open at 8 p. m.

Chickens and game of all kinds at Allyn's, 106 Canal street, phone 1001.

Dr. Holt has removed his office from the Hermitage block to 86 Canal street, over Thum's drug store.

Fine turkeys at Allyn's, 106 Canal street, phone 1001.

Join the Commercial Credit company and save losses by poor accounts.

Prices guaranteed; largest stock of underwear in the city. At Stauffer's.

Sewing machines repaired, 73 Pearl street.

Fine turkeys at Allyn's, 106 Canal street, phone 1001.

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New Chicago Service

via G. R. & I.

SOLID TRAINS AND QUICK TIME.

Commencing Monday, November 20th, train now leaving for Chicago at 10:05 a. m. will leave at 10:40 a. m. and run through solid and independently, arriving Chicago at 4 p. m. Buffet parlor car and first-class day coaches.

Night train with through sleeping car and coach will leave same as now—11:20 p. m.—arrive Chicago 7:35 a. m.

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